

To the Honorable Comissioners of the FCC:

My name is Gary Large and I am a journalist. I am writing you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277 and to voice my support for retaining all the FCC rules in question.

My interest here is two-fold. As a journalist, my future depends upon a free and diverse media landscape. Secondly, I am an strong advocate for democratic principles.

Deregulating the industry will hamper my career as a journalist and erode the foundation of our democracy.

The current rules serve to maintain the dialogue necessary for the proper functioning of a healthy democracy. They ensure that a diversity of opinion will be heard.

This is critical to my future as a writer and the democracy I will participate in.

Please maintain the current FCC rules in question.

Thank you for your time and attention to my inquiry.

Gary Large